

Office of International and Tribal Affairs/Washington DC/202-564-6600

Description/responsibilities

EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) leads EPA's international and tribal engagements, working across EPA's programs and regions to develop and implement policy and programs that protect U.S. public health and the environment.

Because pollution does not respect international boundaries, OITA works with other federal agencies and international organizations and individual countries to address bilateral, regional, and global environmental challenges and advance U.S. foreign policy objectives.

Honoring the government-to-government relationship and respecting tribal treaty rights, OITA guides the agencywide effort to strengthen public health and environmental protection in Indian country, with a special emphasis on helping tribes administer their own environmental programs.

Logistics

- Jane Nishida, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator (202-564-1531)
Martin Dieu, Chief of Staff (202-564-6442)
- Region 6 and Region 9 US-Mexico Border Offices / Tribal staffing in each EPA Region and each HQ office
- OITA HQ Staff: 68.1 FTE; Tribal Staff in EPA Regional Offices: 58 FTE

Offices

- ***Office of Regional and Bilateral Affairs (ORBA)*** -- ORBA provides policy and programmatic expertise for matters of environmental and geopolitical importance to the U.S. in other countries, with a special emphasis on priority countries and regions. ORBA serves as the agency's primary point of contact with government officials and environmental experts in priority countries and regions. The Office develops agencywide strategies for priority countries and regions and maintains relationships with multilateral experts and international environmental financial institutions in order to advance work in these areas.
Mark Kasman, Director; Lisa Almodovar, Deputy Director
- ***Office of Global Affairs and Policy (OGAP)*** -- OGAP provides policy and programmatic expertise for environmental and human health issues that are multinational in scope. OGAP provides institutional knowledge concerning relevant international organizations, serves as EPA's primary point of contact with these entities, and develops EPA (and, as appropriate, United States government) positions vis-à-vis these organizations. OGAP identifies broad emerging international environmental issues and, in concert with

internal and external partners, develops initiatives to address these issues. In addition, OGAP engages on the domestic environmental aspects of international instruments, such as trade, finance, and investment agreements.

Mark Kasman, Acting Director; Hodayah Finman, Deputy Director

- **American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)** -- AIEO leads EPA's efforts to protect human health and the environment of federally recognized Tribes by supporting implementation of federal environmental laws consistent with the federal trust responsibility, the government-to-government relationship, and EPA's 1984 Indian Policy.

Scott Mason, Director (Schedule C); Felicia Wright, Deputy Director

- **Office of Management and International Services (OMIS)** -- OMIS is responsible for providing the full range of necessary management and administrative functions that support the agency's international programs and coordinates cross-cutting administrative support services. OMIS manages OITA's resources to ensure effective use and development of staff, high productivity, cost-efficient operations, and support of the agency's environmental goals. OMIS provides expertise in strategic planning, budget formulation and execution, human resources, contracts and grants, and ethics for OITA. OMIS also coordinates the International Visitors Program for EPA.

Katrina Cherry, Director; Dennis Cunningham, Deputy Director

Key topics and points of contact

Office of Regional and Bilateral Affairs

- POC: Mark Kasman (kasman.mark@epa.gov/202-564-2024); Lisa Almodovar (almodovar.lisa@epa.gov/202-564-6401)
 - North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)
 - Border 2020: U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program (and Border 2025)
 - EPA and China's Ministry of Ecology and Environment cooperation
 - EPA and Taiwan's Environmental Protection Administration cooperation
 - Regional Information Sharing activities

Office of Global Affairs and Policy

- POC: Mark Kasman; Hodayah Finman (finman.hodayah@epa.gov/202-564-1893)
 - Protecting the Marine Environment
 - Environmental Components of Free Trade Agreements
 - G7 and G20 Engagement and related cooperation
 - Cooperation with the World Bank Group
 - Implementing the Minamata Convention on Mercury
 - Initiative to remove lead from household paints

American Indian Environmental Office

- POC: Scott Mason (mason.scott@epa.gov/202-564-3194); Felicia Wright (wright.felicia@epa.gov/202-564-1886)
 - *Environmental Protection in Indian Country*
 - *Indian Environmental General Assistance Program*
 - *Laws, regulations and policies that affect tribes*
 - *Consultation with tribes*

Office of Management and International Services

- POC: Katrina Cherry (cherry.katrina@epa.gov/202-564-2478); Dennis Cunningham (Cunningham.dennis@epa.gov/202-564-6622)
 - *Budget and Resources Management Program*
 - *Administrative Management Program*
 - *International Travel Office*